

The Blue Anchor Tavern  
Blue Anchor, Camden County, New Jersey

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Owner: Razed since surveyed

Date of Erection: About 1812

Architect:

Builder: Josiah Albertson

Present Condition: Razed shortly after it was  
measured by the survey

Number of Stories: Two and one-half

Materials of Construction: Foundation - stone

Exterior walls - frame  
construction

Interior walls - plaster  
with chair rail

Inside brick chimneys

Roof - pitch, shingles

Historical Data:

The Blue Anchor Tavern is located at Blue Anchor where several important roads from the sea-shore come together. There was a tavern here in 1740 built by John Hider with the builder as landlord. This was a cedar log structure, and we are told by Prowell that as early as 1740 guests stopped "at this

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hostlery, where bountiful meals and clean beds were afforded, and where a quiet night might be spent without the fear of a clamor arising from much drinking." Eight years later John Briant was host of the tavern. In 1762 Richard Mattox became the owner of the property. His son-in-law, Josiah Albertson, acquired the tavern. When railroads and other highways were built, travel was diverted from the Blue Anchor and the town lost its importance.

The tavern was supposed to have been named after an old tavern of the same name in Philadelphia.

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